

Trader Joe's 2014 "Petit Reserve" Arroyo Seco Pinot Noir



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Available in the greater Silicon Valley area, we took a chance on this one and were richly rewarded. **This is a major bargain at \$7.99 a bottle.** And the wine has the **notable characteristics of the fairly new Arroyo Seco AVA.** This is our mini-review of Trader Joe's 2014 "Petit Reserve" Arroyo Seco pinot noir.

The wine opens with aromas of black cherries, leather and dust. The palate begins with an explosion of gooseberries and cherries followed by a long finish with bright acids.

We think of **Arroyo Seco as Santa Rita Hills with a bit more rain.** Both have the characteristics we call simply "desert." There's always a hint of sand and dust in there. If you want an introduction to the Arroyo Seco AVA, this wine is for you.